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# HOLIDAY MARKETS

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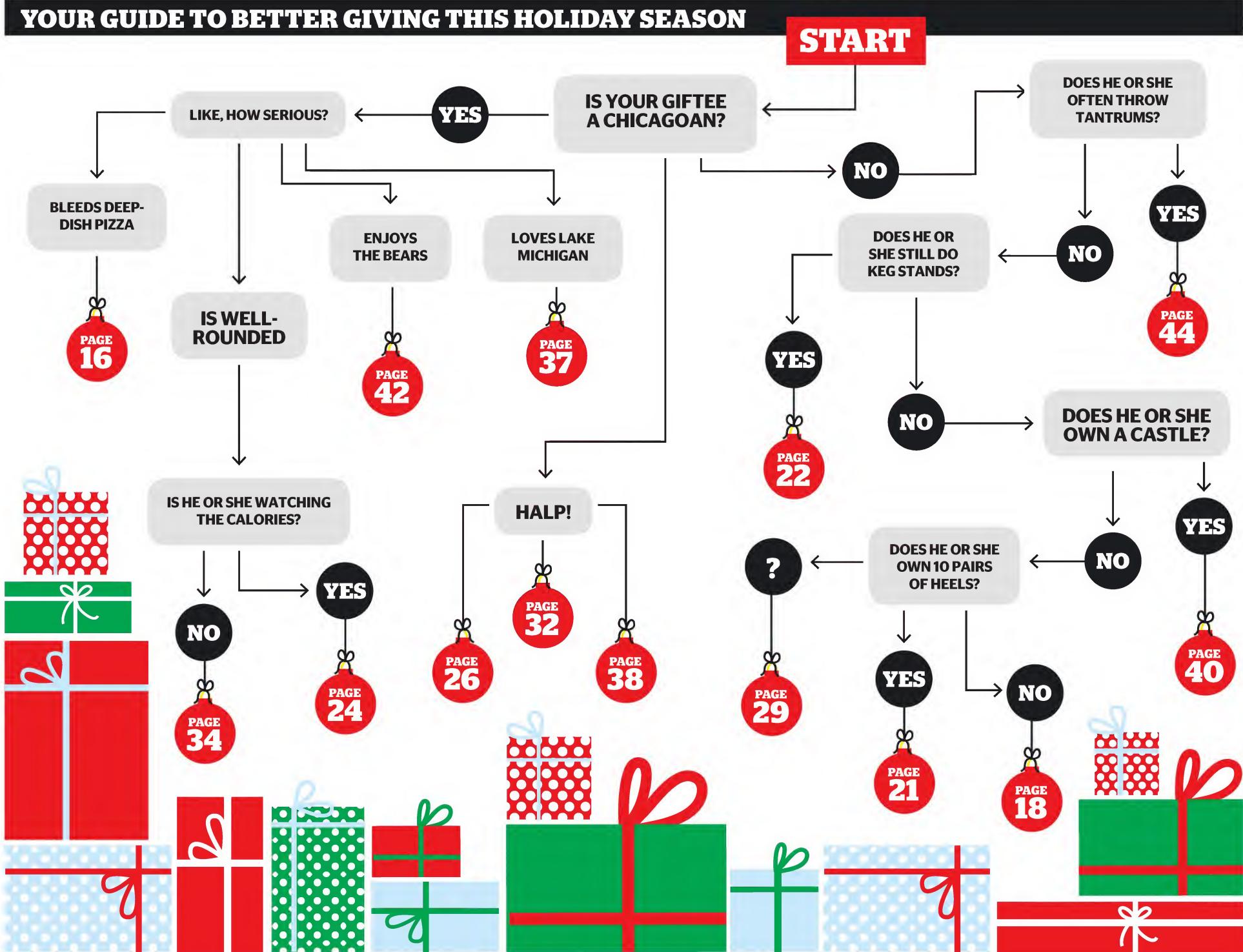
By Dana Moran | REDEYE

What, you haven't started your holiday shopping? (It's OK, we totally haven't either.) If you're one of those people who hits up the Black Friday rush, good luck. May this special edition of RedEye provide you with plenty of entertainment while you wait in line.

But if you prefer to pick out your presents a slightly slower pace, welcome to RedEye's holiday gift guide. Here you'll find suggestions for just about everyone on your list, from your brother who needs a coolness check to your perpetually thirsty aunt. Along

the way, you'll also encounter tips for gifting at different points in your relationship and whether you can REALLY get away with regifting that hideous sweater from your grandma. Because this season also isn't about breaking the bank, we've also got guidelines for tipping the service professionals in your life, like your favorite mailman. And we've got a range of gifts for every price range—especially if you're doing one of those crazy white-elephant exchanges at your office. Who knows, you might even find a few things for your own nice (or naughty) list.

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# BEST GIFTS EVER

Ever get the gift-giver's version of writer's block? Yeah, us too.

That's why we created this special edition of RedEye for you! And if that's not enough, here's a little personal inspiration: We asked four staff members to tell us the best gifts they've ever given and received. Happy holidays! [REDEYE](#)



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**BEST GIFT I'VE RECEIVED**

On my 12th birthday, my best friend gave me a burlap sack filled with our inside jokes. Among the 20-plus items were: "The Cable Guy" novel with highlighted Chip Douglas quotes, a can of Spam and a dozen other things that made two weird kids giggle like crazy.

This one is a bit tough. I've gotten some amazing, thoughtful gifts over the years. I've also gotten socks. However, the only gift that I've received that got me to near-Bieber fan levels of excitement? A Sega Dreamcast with "Crazy Taxi" AND "NFL 2K." (Ask your older brother about it.)

Every year, my childhood friends and I have a sleepover during the holidays. Just to show how far we've come since second grade, I received a brand-new blow-up doll at last year's white elephant. I'll be regifting him (unused!) this year, and hopefully will be exchanging him (still unused!) into our 80s.

The original Sega Genesis (12 years later). My old Sega console fried after years of overplaying it as a kid, and my mom won a huge Sega pack on eBay and gave it to me when I was in college. I seriously almost cried actual happy, nostalgic, Sonic the Hedgehog-colored tears.

**BEST GIFT I'VE GIVEN**

Hands down, a \$50 bill that I put in a card with three Fabio-looking men on the front with thought bubbles reading "congrats" and "way to go." I gave this to my best friend on her confirmation day in 1997 (I was 13). Nothing says "congratulations on completing this holy sacrament" like a card with three half-naked men on it. amiright?

Not even a question on this one. I helped my grandmother buy a house. And I'd do it again every year if she needed it.

Wal-Mart is a big deal in my family. That's where we make our weekly grocery pilgrimages and stop to use the restrooms on road trips—no other store will do. When I spotted a Christmas Village Light-Up Wal-Mart Supercenter (at Wal-Mart, duh), it was a no-brainer. Now it shines its commercial lights upon our nativity set every year.

The new iPad. It was the first time my brother and I saved up for months (after college and having "real" jobs), pooled our money together and bought something super expensive and nice for our mom ... leaving her nearly comatose. Totally worth every cent.



## November of Dressing Nicely comes to an end

What a wild, well-dressed ride we've been on! Thirty-two of the best-dressed Chicagoans from all over the city put their best feet forward to showcase their styles in our "November of Dressing Nicely" bracket.

Looks from street-style to suits and ties were represented. What's next for 2014? More fun and a more fly Chicago!

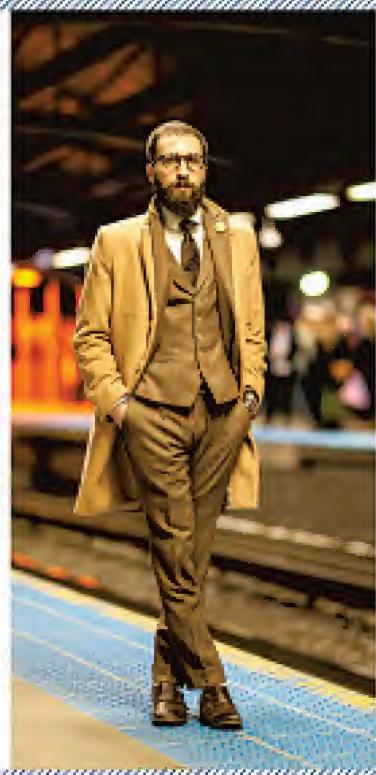
### A few notables:

- » The first two rounds saw more votes for the men than the women. Can honestly say I didn't expect that. Speaking of ...
- » We had more submissions from men than women.
- » Ages ranged from 21 to 40.

The entire contest garnered over 120,000 votes. Insane, right? I would like to take this moment to announce the winners. [ERNEST WILKINS, REDEYE](#)



Representing Evanston, BETSY DRACH. She was a runaway favorite from Day 1 and her fun style eventually won it all.



Noble Square's own JP CHOOKASZIAN took the crown in what was nothing other than a stylish bloodbath in the men's bracket.



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## City Council approves \$7 billion budget

The City Council on Tuesday voted 45-5 to approve Mayor Emanuel's \$7 billion budget plan for next year. After the vote, Emanuel noted it was his third budget since taking office in mid-2011, and none of the budgets increased property, sales or gas taxes. He has increased a host of other taxes, fees and fines during his tenure.

## Mayor moves to limit medical weed shops

Mayor Emanuel and Ald. Edward Burke (14th) introduced a plan Tuesday to limit where medical marijuana dispensaries and growing operations can set up shop in the city after the drug becomes legal for medicinal purposes Jan. 1.

## Look out: Winter parking ban is coming

Drivers, beware where you park. Check all the posted signs. The city's winter overnight parking ban kicks in Sunday. The ban covers 107 miles of arterial streets from 3 a.m.-7 a.m. through April 1 regardless of snow.

## City ice rinks now will charge fee

Chicago Park District outdoor skating rinks are set to open Friday, but it'll cost skaters to get on the ice. This season, adults will be charged \$3 for admission, while it will be free for children and students with a valid ID. Last year, admission was free at six outdoor rinks.

## Ventra glitch still affecting turnstiles

Some CTA riders could still get through turnstiles with a swipe of their federal IDs Tuesday morning as the agency worked to patch the software glitch. The problem was discovered last week when an Environmental Protection Agency employee realized her federal ID card could trick Ventra fare readers at turnstiles into giving her a free ride.

## Obama OKs tornado disaster funding

President Obama on Tuesday approved disaster funding for 15 Illinois counties damaged during a deadly string of tornadoes downstate, a day after a group of Illinois lawmakers asked the president for emergency funding. **TRIBUNE, REDEYE**



Viewers take photos Tuesday during the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Daley Plaza.

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# Cubs want to beer you outside Wrigley Field

## Chicago Tribune

Cubs owners want to sell beer and wine in their new outdoor plaza connected to Wrigley Field, according to a proposal unveiled at a City Council meeting Tuesday that could increase the Ricketts family's competition with neighboring bars.

The ordinance proposed by Wrigleyville Ald. Tom Tunney (44th) and supported by Mayor Emanuel would allow alcohol to be sold in a plaza next to any Chicago sports stadium with capacity of more than 30,000, so it could potentially apply to Soldier Field or U.S. Cellular Field as well.

But the focus is clearly on historic Wrigley

Field and the Rickettses, who are looking for ways to increase revenue as part of their proposed \$500 million plan to renovate the aging ballpark and develop the surrounding area.

Alcohol could be sold in a sports plaza directly adjacent to the stadium from 11 a.m. until midnight on weekends and until 11 p.m. on weeknights. Sales also would be allowed during nongame events like the concerts or ice skating programs the Cubs have talked about for the plaza to be built west of the park.

The proposal also would make it legal for fans to carry alcohol out of the ballpark and into the plaza, and into the park from the plaza.

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# sports

## 1998 NFC championship overtime loss to Atlanta, 30-27

After becoming the first kicker in NFL history to complete a perfect season, Gary Anderson missed his first kick of the year in the fourth quarter, a field goal that would have given the Vikings a 10-point lead.

**Watson's take:** "When Gary Anderson missed that kick [pauses] you got that feeling. And every fan has had the feeling: 'This may not be our day.' And the rest is history. That's all I can say about 1998."

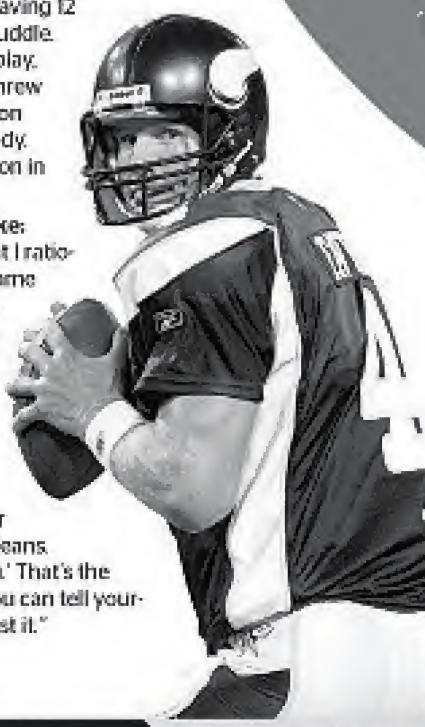


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## 2009 NFC championship overtime loss to New Orleans, 31-28

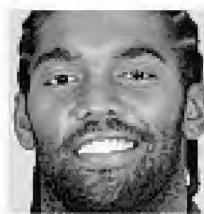
With less than a minute to go in the game, tied at 28, the Vikings drew a penalty for having 12 men in the huddle. On the next play, Brett Favre threw an interception across his body. The Saints won in overtime.

**Watson's take:** "The way that I rationalize that game was I felt like New Orleans needed that more than we did. As devastating as it was, it was like, 'Good for you, New Orleans. Good for you.' That's the only thing you can tell yourself to get past it."



## CHEER UP YOU COULD BE A VIKINGS FAN

**Jack M Silverstein** | *REDEYE*. The Bears lost last week to mediocre St. Louis. Their starting quarterback is injured. And they haven't won a Super Bowl in nearly 30 years. But before you complain, remember this: It could be worse. You could be a Vikings fan. With the Bears traveling to Minnesota this weekend, I asked my friend Rob Watson to break down his worst moments as a Vikings fan.



Moss

### Randy Moss leaves after the 2004 season

Moss ended up in New England two years later and had arguably his greatest wide receiver season ever with the 16-0 Patriots.

**Watson's take:** "Watching a player set records without your team is like breaking up with a girl, and then the dude she marries is a gorgeous 6-foot-4 model with lots of money who really loves her and treats her right."



## Adrian Peterson tears his ACL the day before Christmas 2011

Did you not read the description? He tore his ACL the day before Christmas.

**Watson's take:** "It was like watching somebody knock out your dad. The person who you look to who is pretty much unbeatable, the image of strength for your team, to see him writhing on the ground like that was awful."

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1	We already had The Return; what will Derrick Rose's next comeback be called?	Goodbye, Adidas, Get Me Some Nikes.	The Revenge.	The Re-Return: Part II: Son of The Return.	Since history has already repeated itself, how about The Battle of Wounded Knee?	Trying to think of something funny but need to fight off the urge to vomit. Why, Derrick, why?
2	Cheer up Derrick Rose as he begins the healing process.	Do what I do. Pretend like you're ordering Giordano's for your whole family. Order two large stuffed pizzas and cry.	You're still one of the best point guards in NBA history. Come back and prove them wrong.	Hey, don't sweat it. I'm sure Reggie will let you know when you're ready to come back.	How about I sing "On Bended Knee" from Boyz II MENiscus?	Cheer him up? Who's going to cheer ME up? That's what really matters here.
3	Adrian Peterson is to the Bears defense as ...	... Sprinkles cupcakes are to Gov. Chris Christie.	... THE UNDEFEATED FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES are to Tracy Swartz's Gators. It's gonna be a bloodbath.	... baby mommas are to Adrian Peterson. Boom!	... the Governor's tank will be to the prison fence this Sunday on "The Walking Dead."	... quadruply as good as Zac Stacy and Benny Cunningham were to the Bears last week.
4	Let's have your best Minnesota Vikings trash talk.	You have to wake up every day knowing you live in Minnesota and your "big city" is Minneapolis.	If not for Prince, your state would have contributed nothing to the world. You suck.	What do you call a Viking with a Super Bowl ring? A thiel.	Vikings? Ha! You are nothing more than a hammerless, "Loki" version of Thor.	I'll quote the Happy Schnapps Combo: "We're the Vikings: We've been to four Super Bowls, and lost four times!"
5	Which sporting event are you most excited to watch Thanksgiving weekend?	Friendsgiving at Kanye's house. I'm interested to see if Lamar Odom gets hungry.	See No. 3: I'm so hyped.	My dad and brother wrestling over the last drumstick.	Grappling with Christmas lights will be more career-threatening and entangling than any WWE match.	Does the Macy's Parade count?



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Sup, Chitown? It's ya boy Scotty Broohan. I know it's been mad long since you heard from me, but this has been my toughest senior year yet. George Orwell? More like George Borewell. But my best bro at YOLOyola, J-Chap, was like, "Bro, it's the holidays" and I was like, "What?" because I was listening to Deadmau5 in my Beats like mad crazy loud. So I took off my Beats and he was like, "Bro, we don't have class tomorrow, T-Giving bro." And I was like, "Bro, what about Thirsty Thursday?" And he was like, "Bro, turkey." That got me turnt up. I love T-Giving for the following reasons: 1. That one chick, Poca-HOTnas. Get it? Because she was hot.

2. Wish bones. Wish bone? Always. 3. Turkey. Bro, I love turkey. No wonder they named a country after it. It's the ish.

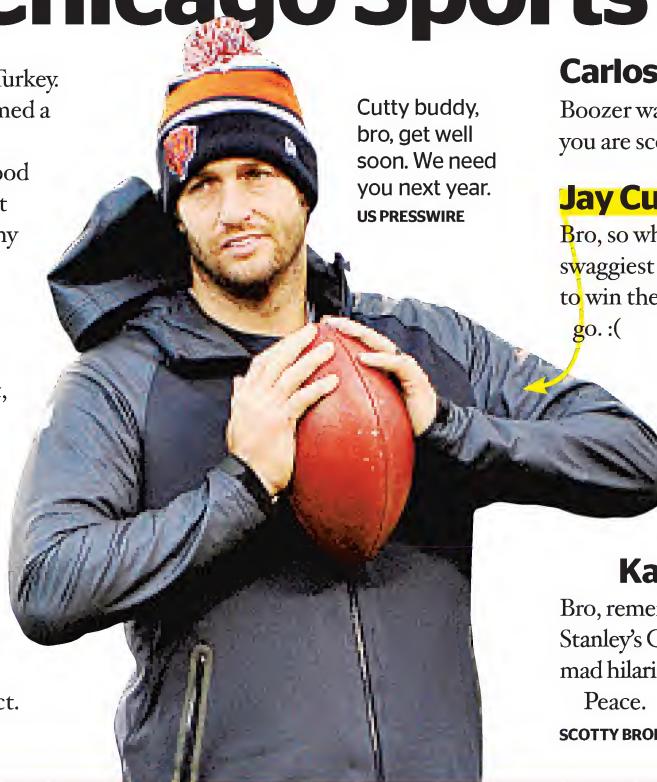
In honor of T-Giving and the best food ever created (turkey, unless Natty Light counts as food?), here's a shoutout to my 2013 Sports Turkeys.

## Derrick Brose

Bro, this one time I fell off a roof and broke my wrist. Sure, your story of just, like, running isn't nearly as cool, but I can relate to your pain. You will be my bro 4eva. Unless you, like, suck, then probably not.

## That Bears Bro Who Ran Into That Pole

Bro, amateur athletics are mad serious. I box all the time outside bars. But sacrificing the dome? Much respect. That was epic.



Cutty buddy, bro, get well soon. We need you next year.  
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## Carlos Boozer

Boozer was my nickname in high school, and you are scoring mad crazy. Much love.

## Jay Cutler

Bro, so what you got hurt again. You are the swaggiest QB in Bears history. We need you back to win the Super Bowl next year. Please don't go. :)

## Anthony Rizzbro

You are the only reason to watch my Cubbies other than tank tops. Tell Starlin Castro to get on that Leche del Musculo.

## Kaner

Bro, remember that one time I puked on Lord Stanley's Cup this summer and you thought it was mad hilarious? Yeah, me too. You are my hero.

Peace.

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## GIFT GUIDE CHICAGO-CENTRIC



### Pinnable Chicago neighborhoods cork map

\$300, [etsy.com/shop/cooperdotnolan](http://etsy.com/shop/cooperdotnolan)

You'll find tons of Chicago neighborhood artwork on Etsy, but this one takes the cake for creativity and practicality.



### Red Line pillow

\$45, [zerobirdstudio.com](http://zerobirdstudio.com)

You have more stories about the Red Line than you'd care to admit, but this pillow makes it look so trendy and unassuming.



### Chicago flag dog snood

\$26-\$32, [etsy.com/shop/SnugABull](http://etsy.com/shop/SnugABull)

This is the definition of a win-win gift. Your dog-loving, Chicago-dwelling friend gets this snood, and you get photos of the dog in said snood.



### Chicago Street Map Rocks

\$12.50 per glass, [theuncommongreen.com](http://theuncommongreen.com)

After your third drink, Wicker Park won't seem so far away.



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### Chicago skyline iPhone cover

\$25, [grandmaswoodentooth.com](http://grandmaswoodentooth.com)

Usually we wouldn't recommend picking out a phone case for someone else, but how could anyone hate this?



### West Loop Salumi gift box

\$55, West Loop Salumi (111 W. Randolph St., 312-255-7004)

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# YOUR KIND OF TOWN



**By Morgan Olsen**

FOR RED EYE

Does your loved one proudly sport a Hot Doug's tattoo? Attend every dyeing of the Chicago River come St. Patrick's Day? Know all the words to the "Bill Swerski's Superfans" sketch on "SNL"? Then look no further: You've come to the right gifts.



## Chicago highlights note cards

\$18 for 10 cards and envelopes, [penelopespress.com](http://penelopespress.com)

These simple notecards are perfect for the friend or co-worker who just moved to Chicago.



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### Lillie's Q three-bottle set

\$35, [lillesq.com](http://lillesq.com)

Mix and match drool-worthy sauces for the BBQ fanatic. You might need to take a trip to this Bucktown hot spot (1856 W. North Ave.) to sample the fare before making any big decisions. Just sayin'.

### Chicago hot dog lunch bag

\$16, [girlscantell.com](http://girlscantell.com)

The one caveat for this bag: It should never carry a Lean Cuisine. That would be cruel.



### Metropolis Redline espresso

\$13.25 per 1-pound bag, [metropoliscoffee.com](http://metropoliscoffee.com)

For the friend who made the unforgivable mistake of falling asleep on the Red Line that one time. Pro tip: Pair it with a mug for an upgraded present.



### Skyline necklace

\$15, [etsy.com/shop/zalllove](http://etsy.com/shop/zalllove)

The perfect you're-my-friend-but-not-my-best-friend gift. What? You know you have a few of those on your list.



## GIFT GUIDE | THE DAPPER DUDE



### Dusted fondant velvet bow tie

\$35.47 at [mrsbowtie.com](http://mrsbowtie.com)

Dusted fondant. That's a color. And it will go with his favorite gingham shirt.



### Izola flask \$27 at [izola.com](http://izola.com)

"May you never go to hell but always be on your way." Words any man who carries a flask can live by.



### Beef jerky \$9 at [sideprojectjerky.com](http://sideprojectjerky.com)

He would never admit his affinity for Slim Jims. These jerky packs, on the other hand, are worthy of an Instagram post.

### Filson Pullman bag \$410, [filson.com](http://filson.com)

In the words of Beyoncé, "Let me upgrade you." She was obviously talking about his Adidas duffle from high school.



By Morgan Olsen | FOR REDEYE

What do you buy the guy who prides himself on his extensive gingham collection? He's intimidating to shop for and impossible to impress. From stocking stuffers to one splurge-worthy bag, these 13 gifts will earn you top marks in his book.

# LOOKIN' SHARP



### The Gentleman's Deck

\$15.95 at [fraustoandco.com](http://fraustoandco.com)

Even a dapper dude needs a reminder. These cards cover it all: Windsor knots, meeting future in-laws, whiskey-tasting etiquette and more.



### Quilted cord-trim barn jacket

\$59.94, [oldnavy.com](http://oldnavy.com)

Almost identical to the Burberry version he's been eyeing for months.



### Lumina shirts

\$54 each, [luminaclothing.com](http://luminaclothing.com)

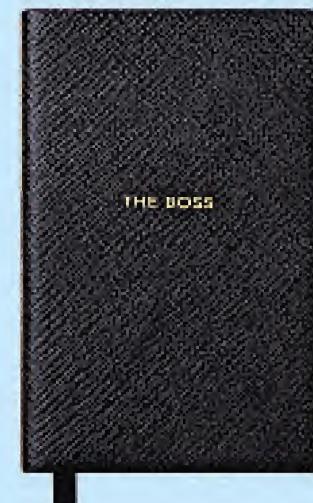
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### D.S. & Durga Freetrapper

\$105, [dsanddurga.com](http://dsanddurga.com)

Notes of citrus, spice, wood and animal. Yes, animal.



### The Boss' notebook

\$40, [smythson.com](http://smythson.com)

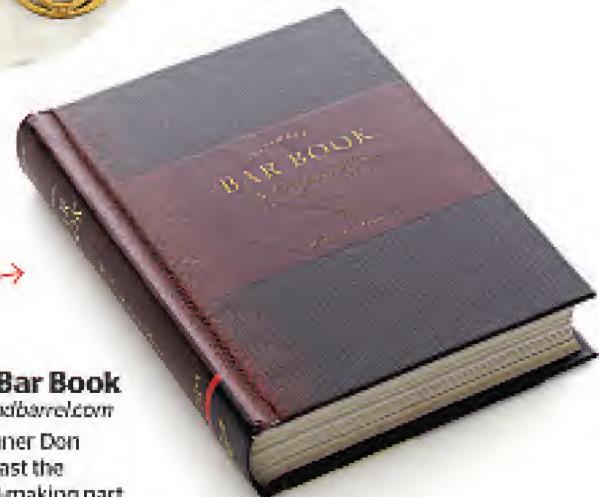
Make him feel like a bawse even when he's having a rage-blackout kind of day.



### Crest bottle opener

\$60, [thefutureperfect.com](http://thefutureperfect.com)

For the guy who still uses the plastic Corona bottle opener he got on spring break 2006.



### Ultimate Bar Book

\$19.95, [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)

Unleash his inner Don Draper ... at least the old fashioned-making part.



### Warby Parker Ames sunglasses

\$145, [warbyparker.com](http://warbyparker.com)

Classic sunnies for a classic guy. Also see Ellison, Winston and Downing styles.



### Bicycle wine rack

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# TOO CUTE FOR WORDS

By Renee Mailhot | FOR REDEYE

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## Birchbox

\$30/three months, \$60/six months, \$110/12 months, [birchbox.com](http://birchbox.com)

Imagine a world where lip gloss, shampoo, eyeliners and nail polish samples, in addition to quirky extras like hair accessories or cutesy personal stationery, arrive at your recipient's doorstep each month. Birchbox makes that happen, and even if you think the girliest girl on your list would rather wear flats than add another nail polish into her collection, think again.



## BaubleBar Build A Zoo ring trees

3/\$30, [baublebar.com](http://baublebar.com)

Shiny, tiny, accessory holders in the shapes of various cute animals will have your gift recipient saying "aww" every time she reaches for one of her oversized cocktail rings.



## Turning In Tulle Skirt

[Join watlist](http://www.watlist.com), [modcloth.com](http://modcloth.com)

Even if the female on your list didn't grow up wanting to be a ballerina, she definitely has a good number of "Sex and the City" episodes on her DVR. Satisfy her aspirations to own a Carrie Bradshaw-esque skirt with this sweet tulle number. Mr. Big not included.



## Sleek high heel shoe bottle holder

\$29.99, [wineashop.com](http://www.wineashop.com)

Many, many women love their wine, and about 70 percent (completely unscientific number) of those women enjoy a good pair of heels, so why not gift her some kitchen counter eye-candy to appease both of her passions?



## Macaron Limoge trinket box

\$13.95, [chambredesucr.com](http://chambredesucr.com)

This little box taking on the form of a chic French treat will have your girly girl snapping a photo, slapping on a filter and sharing it on Instagram before you can say "De rien" ("You're welcome"). It comes in rose, light pink, yellow, peach, lavender and pistachio—all the pastels a gal could want.



## Jingle All The Way makeup set

\$25, [toofaced.com](http://toofaced.com)

Matching your purse to your shoes may be an outdated fashion tip, but no one ever said anything about matching your eyeshadow... to your iPhone case? Just go with it, because your giftee will enjoy having 11 eyeshadows, a blush and a bronzer in a to-go compact as big as her favorite accessory—which also gets a makeover, as the set comes with a metallic-and-mint patterned case.



## Diptyque standard candle in Baies

\$28-\$60, [diptyqueparts.com](http://diptyqueparts.com)

A luxurious, indulgent candle from a popular Paris-based company, with a strong, aromatic berry scent. This popular item knocks off the major criteria on any feminine gal's nightstand trinket checklist.

# THE REAL WORLD

By Renee Mailhot | FOR REDEYE

Now that your loved one has graduated from college, it means an instant upgrade from futon to leather sofa and plastic vodka bottles to Belvedere, right? Ha, right. A 22-year-old can dream. Help them take baby steps toward adulthood with classy stuff they actually kinda really need.



## The Tie Bar 'Rise to the Occasion' combo

\$48 (\$25/suspenders, \$15/tie, \$8/socks) at [thetiebar.com](http://thetiebar.com)

### Ponte-Knit Blazer \$39.94 at [oldnavy.com](http://oldnavy.com)

Entering the workforce means retiring the sweatpants. No need to get stuffy, but guys should have some refined, yet spunky, accessories on hand, while the ladies can make any outfit instantly office-ready with a polished, yet unfussy, blazer.

### Cuisinart 3.5 Quart Programmable Slow Cooker \$59.95 at [cuisinart.com](http://cuisinart.com)

There's no need for your college grad to immediately master the art of

cooking just because he or she can now afford more than Ramen noodles, but a slow cooker is a great tool to begin tackling "homemade" (read: throwing in a bunch of ingredients and letting it cook until the smells are straight-up torture) meals.

### Metropolis Coffee Hullabaloo Holiday Blend \$15/1-lb bag, \$28.50/2-lb bag at [metropoliscoffee.com](http://metropoliscoffee.com)

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\$80, [180s.com](http://180s.com)

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## Impossible Instant Lab

\$299, [the-impossible-project.com](http://the-impossible-project.com)

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### Nio Tag

\$54.99, [bluetagio.com](http://bluetagio.com)

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\$79, [clickandgrow.com](http://clickandgrow.com)

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### Satechi Touch USB LED Lamp

\$24.99, [satechi.net](http://satechi.net)

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- Homefront (R) (Closed caption) 8:50, 11:40, 2:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40, 11:55

- Oldboy (R) (Closed caption) 9:20, 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:20, 11:10
- Black Nativity (PG) (Closed caption) 8:35, 10:55, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 9:00, 11:30, 12:30, 3:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00
- Delivery Man (PG-13) (Closed caption) 8:45, 11:35, 2:25, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35

- The Best Man Holiday (R) (Closed caption) 11:05, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:45

- Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:10, 2:15, 5:00, 8:05

- Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 10:55

- Free Birds (PG) (Closed caption) 9:25, 12:45, 3:45

- Ender's Game (PG-13) (Closed caption) 6:45, 9:45

- Gravity 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 8:55, 11:25, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35

- Gravity (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:55

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
 (773) 784-0893

- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

- Delivery Man (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

- Frozen (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

- Homefront (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45

### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago  
 888-AMC-4FUN

Show times change daily

- Frozen (PG) ★ D 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
- Frozen 3D (PG) ★ 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15
- Oldboy (R) ★ D 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
- Black Nativity (PG) ★ D 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
- Homefront (R) ★ D 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

### GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

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- American Promise (NR) 6:00, 8:30
- Nosferatu the Vampyre (PG) 8:00
- 35 Shots of Rum (NR) 6:00

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2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago  
 (773) 252-0628

- Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
- Don Jon (R) 2:15, 4:05, 6:05, 8:05, 10:00
- Free Birds (PG) 2:15, 4:10, 6:05, 8:00
- Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 2:25, 4:20, 6:15, 8:20, 10:15
- Planes, Trains and Automobiles (R) 10:30

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- A Touch of Sin (NR) 5:15, 8:00
- Pierrot le Fou (NR) 5:00, 9:30
- Bonnie and Clyde (R) 7:15

### THE PATIO THEATER

6008 W. Irving Park Road  
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- No Films Showing Today (NR)

### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago  
 888-AMC-4FUN

Show times change daily

- Frozen (PG) ★ D 6:15, 9:00
- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★ D 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
- Frozen 3D (PG) ★ 7:15, 10:00
- Oldboy (R) ★ D 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
- Black Nativity (PG) ★ D 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- Homefront (R) ★ D 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

### SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago  
 (800) 326-3264 #2309

- Frozen (PG) ★ D 7:00
- Frozen 3D (PG) ★ 7:45
- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire -- The IMAX Experience (PG-13) ★ D 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:45
- Oldboy (R) ★ D 7:30
- Black Nativity (PG) ★ D 7:15
- Homefront (R) ★ D 8:00

### WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
 (800) 326-3264 #1641

- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 9:00, 9:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:10, 10:20, 11:00
- Frozen (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:40, 7:10
- Frozen 3D (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 4:20, 9:50
- Black Nativity (PG) (Closed caption) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00
- Delivery Man (PG-13) (Closed caption) 9:20, 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40
- The Best Man Holiday (R) (Closed caption) 11:20, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50
- Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:10, 5:05, 7:45, 10:45
- Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 2:10
- About Time (R) (Closed caption) 10:50, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
- Captain Phillips (PG-13) (Closed caption) 9:50, 1:15, 4:25, 7:25, 10:35
- Gravity 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:05
- Gravity (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:20

### SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago  
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- Frozen 3D (PG) ★ 11:00, 4:30, 10:00
- Black Nativity (PG) D 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- Homefront (R) ★ D 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

### SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero  
 (800) 326-3264 #1644

- Frozen (PG) ★ D (Closed caption) 7:00
- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★ D 9:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00
- Frozen 3D (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 8:00
- Oldboy (R) D 7:15
- Black Nativity (PG) D 7:45
- Homefront (R) D 7:15

### SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago  
 (312) 564-2104

- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★ ✓ (Closed caption) 2:30, 6:00, 9:15

### OAK PARK

### LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park  
 (630) 444-FILM #560

- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

### EVANSTON

### CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston  
 (847) 492-0123

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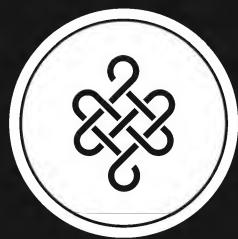
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# 'TIS THE SEASON FOR REGIFTING

OR 'TIS IT? AN EXPERT GUIDE TO HELP YOU DECIDE

**START**

Is the item in its original packaging?

**YES**

A hint from Lizzie Post: It should be in its original packaging, but that doesn't mean you should regift it in its original wrapping, which leaves you open to forgetting to remove the card or gift tag. Just take five minutes and rewrap it, OK?

**NO**



Is it original or handmade?

**YES**

"My dear friend received an octopus planter from her sister-in-law, [who said] 'It's just so wacky I just thought you would like it!' and my friend was going like, 'Oh ... my ... God!'" Post said. "It's going to be noticed if that thing shows up at another friend's house." Ditto for something handmade by the gifter. "You can't give those things away."

**NO**

Is it monogrammed?

**YES**

Giving a gift that's monogrammed with your initials makes it blatantly obvious that it wasn't originally bought for them. But what if you give it to someone who has the same initials as you? "You clever one, you," Post said, when we posed this rare but possible scenario. "Yeah, I think that has more potential to be OK."

Are you 99.9 percent sure that A) the giver will never find out you gave it to someone else and B) the receiver most likely will not know that the gift was regifted?

**NO**

**YES**



"You have to be sure that you can do this completely stealthily," Post said.

Do you believe that the person you're regifting to will actually want this item?

**NO**

**YES**

## Regifting without the guilt

There is a way to forgo all of the above rules and still regift guilt-free, Post said. If you receive more than one of the same gift, it's absolutely acceptable to give it to someone else as long as you are honest in the presentation.

**SORRY.  
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**REGIFT THAT [BLEEP]!**

By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

It's the season of gift-giving, which means you undoubtedly will get something you genuinely do not need or want. You're tempted to regift that ugly sweater/book you already read/obscenely large basket of bubble bath. But should you?

We looked to Lizzie Post, the great-great granddaughter of famed etiquette expert Emily Post and author of "Emily Post's Etiquette, 18th edition," for a thumbs up/thumbs down on the controversial practice of passing off a gift you received as one you bought for someone else. Is it ever really acceptable?

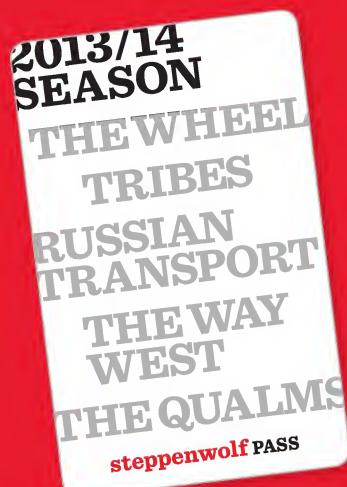
"I have kind of two thoughts about it and they're contradicting," Post said. "One: No, it's not acceptable! Truthfully, you should be receiving a gift with the generosity of spirit that it was given to you. It shouldn't really matter what it was; it is thought that counts and there's all that sappy wonderfulness."

That doesn't mean it doesn't happen, though. "It happens enough in our society that, at the Emily Post Institute, we decided to come up with rules for regifting." Follow along with the rules below to see whether you can get away with regifting—or whether you're stuck with that no-good gift for good.

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# MYSTERY PACKAGE

By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

Whether it's your extended family or an awesome group of dinner-party friends, somewhere along the holiday line you'll be involved in a white-elephant gift exchange. You know, where everyone brings a wrapped present with no tag under a certain price that usually ends up being a total piece of crap that you throw in a closet and find the next time you're moving. Buck the trend and step up your game this year.



## Knot bottle opener

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Bottle openers are a no-brainer for a gift exchange: unisex and functional, they're also easy to wrap. This version from Chicago furniture and home store Jayson Home is leagues better than the Greek-letter-embazoned keychain version you remember from college.

## Bacon-Pistachio Brittle

\$15 per half-pound at [redbutcherchicago.com/shop-red-butter.html](http://redbutcherchicago.com/shop-red-butter.html)

Bacon. Pistachio. Brittle. We're not sure how Chicago chef Monica Sharma came up with this sweet-savory combination, but we're so glad she did.



## Chicago map coasters

\$34 at [etsy.com/listing/99229259/chicago-map-coasters](http://etsy.com/listing/99229259/chicago-map-coasters)

Coasters could be a prime regifting candidate, unless you pick a stylish set like these almost-abstract ones that also show off your hometown pride.



## Kobo Plantable Seed Paper Candle

\$29 at [sprouthome.com/shop/home-accessories/kobo-plantable-seed-paper-candle](http://sprouthome.com/shop/home-accessories/kobo-plantable-seed-paper-candle)

Do not—please do not—be that jerk throwing an icky peppermint-scented candle in the gift exchange. Swap that junk out for this lightly and naturally scented version with a built-in bonus: The container is printed with seeds in paper that, when planted, grow into the plant that the candle smells like.

## Cards Against Humanity

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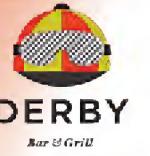
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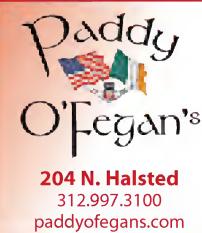
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- \$5 Brats
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# RULES FOR HOLIDAY TIPPING



YOUNG MONEY

**Megan Crepeau**

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Look, I know the very thought of holiday-season tipping makes your stomach twist into a half hitch. It's right at the intersection of seasonal stress, social anxiety and money issues, and it probably gives you flashbacks to your stuffy Aunt Agatha's lectures on etiquette. Relax, my little turkeys. There are only two rules to holiday tipping.

**1. Don't be a jerk**

There's a reason that holiday tipping is a thing. There are people in your life—doormen, hair stylists, pet groomers, personal trainers—who exist in that weird limbo between personal friends and total strangers. It would be weird to give them big, personal gifts, but it would be weirder to ignore them entirely. HENCE: December tipping.

You know the old saying that if you can't afford to tip, you can't afford to go out to eat, right? The same applies to most service professions with which you interact regularly. If you can't afford to tip your masseuse at the end of the year, you can't afford a masseuse at all.

And consider this: These are the people who make your life go smoothly. They color your hair or protect your apartment or express your dog's anal glands, for heaven's sake. You need to be in their good graces. Better safe than sorry.

**2. Don't go broke**

The rule of thumb for this sort of thing is that you should tip equal to the amount of the service usually rendered—that is, tip your personal trainer equivalent to the cost of one training session, your stylist the cost of a haircut and so on. If you tip generously on a regular basis, you can totally get away with giving less in December. For someone like a doorman, etiquette queen Peggy Post says \$15-\$80 is a good range, so you have some wiggle room there.

If that will break the bank, don't simply tip a smaller amount—that could be insulting. Consider a small gift instead. Everyone loves homemade cookies or a handmade card or hand-warmers you knit yourself. (Some service workers, like postal employees, can't legally accept cash anyway.)

And if even that is out of your price range, at the very least write a nice, sincere note to the service workers of your choice. No, not on a Post-it. Buy a 10-pack of blank cards at CVS or something, come on.

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## GIFT GUIDE FOODIES

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This University Village barbecue joint from DMK Restaurants took the colorful plaid motif that appears on the outside of the restaurant and replicated it on these too-cute bottled sauces. Choose from Carolina-style mustard sauce, house barbecue sauce and spicy barbecue sauce.



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# EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

By Lisa Arnett and Kate Bernot | REDEYE

Have a few food lovers or booze hounds on your holiday gift list this season? Whether their tastes skew sweet, spicy or boozy, we've got you covered.



### Holiday spritz cookies at Magnolia Bakery

\$15 for 24 cookies at Magnolia Bakery's Block 37 location (108 N. State St. 312-345-7777) or online at magnoliabakery.com starting Dec. 21

One of my favorite holiday traditions as a kid was helping my mom make spritz cookies with the help of one of those electric cookie-press guns. It was a ton of fun—until the darn thing got jammed up, which inevitably happened about a dozen cookies in. Let Magnolia do the work for you—and package them up in a cute little box, too.



### Tubissime flavored mustards by Sur Les Quais

\$11 for a 3.5-ounce tube at Lush Wine & Spirits (1257 S. Halsted St. 312-738-1900, 2232 W. Roscoe St. 773-281-8888; 1412 W. Chicago Ave. 312-655-6900)

Mustard for a gift? Sure, when it's as prettily packaged as these gourmet mustards imported from France. Flavors include black currant, three pepper, espelette chili, grape, truffle and walnut.



### Gingerbread caramels by Veruca Chocolates

\$14 for a 10-piece box at verucachocolates.com

Channel the nostalgia of gingerbread house-building in chocolate form with these cute-as-can-be caramels from Veruca Chocolates, a local company started by pediatrician-turned-chocolatier Heather Johnston, who discovered her love for chocolate-making at The French Pastry School in Chicago.



### RM Champagne Salon macarons

\$10 for six or \$18 for 12, order 48 hours in advance from RM (116 N. Green St. 312-243-1199)

Treat your favorite sweet tooth to a dozen of pastry chef Nate Meads' macarons—those colorful, cute-as-can-be French sandwich cookies—in flavors such as French silk, Dutch apple and pecan.

### Chiappetti's Edible World spice blends

\$6 each for a 4-ounce jar or \$15 for all three at J. Rocco Italian Table & Bar (749 N. Clark St. 312-475-0271)

At River North restaurant J. Rocco, chef Steve Chiappetti cooks up hearty meatballs, heaping plates of pasta and grilled seafood. With spice blends from his food collection, Chiappetti's Edible World, your gifting can channel his soulful Italian cooking at home. Three blends include Old World Calabria (chili and oregano), Pesce (a seafood mix with dill and garlic) and Chicago Style (garlic and rosemary).



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## BOOZE LOVERS

### The Flavor by Stephanie Izard sauces

\$9.95 at Little Goat Bread (820 W. Randolph St., 312-889-3455) or online at [stephaniezard.com](http://stephaniezard.com) or [abesmarket.com](http://abesmarket.com)

Your pal with an autographed copy of chef Stephanie Izard's "Girl in the Kitchen" cookbook will love the bottled sauces in Izard's recently launched line of packaged goods. There are three varieties: The Chee is Izard's spin on a traditional Korean kimchi dressing, The Saute is your go-to for veggies and The Marinade is—you guessed it—a punchy marinade for whatever protein you want to throw in there.



### The Scrumptious Pantry's fruit curds

\$8.99 at Whole Foods locations

Shopping for a foodie friend who adores heirloom fruits and veggies? Pick up a jar or three from this Logan Square-based business focusing on packaged goodies made with heirloom produce. Flavors include huckleberry, lingonberry and paw paw, a fruit whose tropical taste resembles a cross between a mango and a banana.



### GT Fish & Oyster hot sauces

\$7 a bottle at GT Fish & Oyster (531 N. Wells St., 312-929-3507)

Order the fish tacos at this River North restaurant and two seriously addictive housemade hot sauces will arrive at your table: Burn (quite hot) and Smoulder (less so). They're now bottled for at-home use, just in time for the holidays.



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### Twisted Spoke bloody mary mix

\$7.75 at Twisted Spoke (501 N. Ogden Ave., 312-666-1500) and Lush Wine & Spirits (1257 S. Halsted St., 312-738-1900; 2232 W. Roscoe St., 773-281-5888; 1412 W. Chicago Ave., 312-666-6900)

Holiday mornings are a little brighter when your parents or friends are sipping Twisted Spoke's house bloody mary mix, which also makes an excellent sauce for sloppy joes and other savory foods.



### Beer Hunting tags

\$6.95 for 10 at [goodbeerhunting.com/shop](http://goodbeerhunting.com/shop)

Giving beer as gift? Know an avid home-brewer? These pre-strung tags from Chicago blogger Good Beer Hunting can be used as gift tags or to help a friend organize a messy beer cellar.

### CH Distillery holiday gift pack

\$85 at CH Distillery (564 W. Randolph St., 312-707-8780)

Months-old CH Distillery partners with West Loop Salumi to bring together everyone's two favorite things—meat and booze—in the form of an engraved CH flask, a bottle of CH's vodka, key gin or London dry gin plus a finocchiona salami.

### The Motley + The Spare Room Gin Tonic Bath Salts

\$14 at [themotley.com](http://themotley.com)

Step away from the generic, vanilla-scented bath junk and buy this refreshing, small-batch liquor-infused jar instead.

### Subscription to Mash Tun Journal

\$16 plus shipping at [mashturnjournal.org](http://mashturnjournal.org)

Give your pretentious beer friend even more to yap about with a one-year subscription to Mash Tun Journal, a Chicago-born publication about beer and brewing culture.

### 50 Shades of Grey Wine gift set

\$45.99 at [fiftyshadeswine.com/Wine-Store](http://fiftyshadeswine.com/Wine-Store)

If your "cool" aunt is enthusiastically reading through her "50 Shades" books, she can sip these bottles of Red Satin and White Silk while curled up by the fireplace. Shudder.

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# GET SOME ACTION

By Lauren Krause | FOR REDEYE

If your friend is really, really good at sitting at home on his or her butt, an experiential gift is an awesome way to get up and moving. And hey, they might meet a new hot-tie or replacement best friend.

Wait a second ...

## Home-brew class

\$20, Brew Camp (4639 N. Damen Ave. 773-784-2400) or [brewcamp.com/s/giftcerts](http://brewcamp.com/s/giftcerts)

Any beer snob will agree that home-brewing is a must. Plus, if you play your cards right, your beer-loving friend probably will need a taste-tester.



## Trapeze lessons

\$57, TSNY Chicago (5917 N. Broadway 773-484-8861) or [chicago.trapezeschool.com](http://chicago.trapezeschool.com)

TSNY Chicago offers beginner trapeze classes year-round. Give the gift most circus performers would kill for.



## Art Classes

\$145-\$170, LillStreet Art Center (4401 N. Ravenswood Ave. 773-769-4226) or [lillstreet.com](http://lillstreet.com)

Exercise a little creativity when doling out this gift. Choose from eight beginner classes, including drawing, knitting or photography.



## Cooking Class

\$40-\$150, The Chopping Block (Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 107. 312-644-6360 and 4747 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-6700) or [thechoppingblock.net](http://thechoppingblock.net)

A cooking class is the perfect gift for your friend who only knows how to make mac 'n' cheese.



## Ballroom Dancing

\$140/10 group classes, Chicago Dance (415 W. Huron St. 312-337-9503) or [chicagodance.com](http://chicagodance.com)

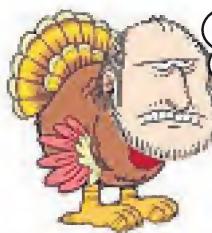
If you really want to step it up this year, why not impress your significant other with a ballroom dancing class? It worked for Bradley Cooper in "Silver Linings Playbook," didn't it?





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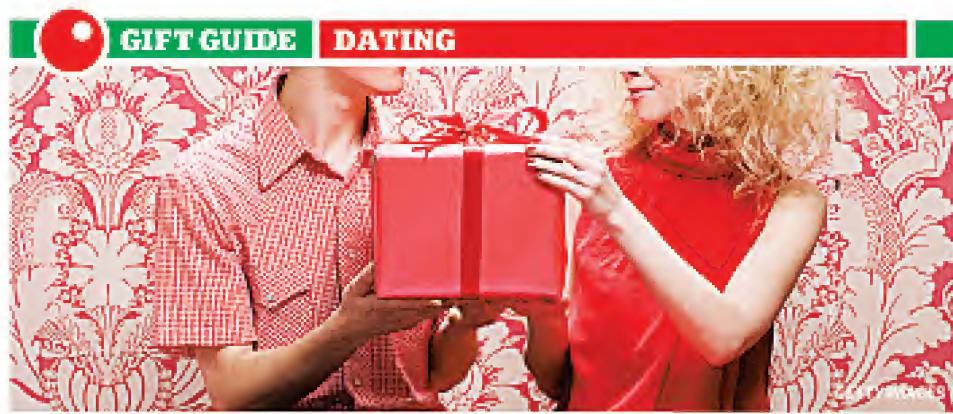
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## Gifts for your significant other

Chicago winters are hard enough without all the guesswork and anxiety that come from holiday gift shopping for your luvvah. Will a tie make him think I have daddy issues?

Are flowers clichéd? How much is too much to spend? Will she think I'm moving too fast? Fear not, for we've put together a gift guide for every stage of your relationship.

**One-night stand:** A cup of coffee and an apology. Or, if you want to see him or her again, your real phone number.

**One week or less:** No gift is required for such a newly minted relationship. That said, you'll garner Cute Points if you get him/her a card and a small edible present.

**A few weeks to a month:** You'll want to avoid going overboard. Focus instead on a small gift tailored to one of their hobbies or personal interests. For instance, if your beau is a writer, get him a journal. If she's always listening to That Hot New Local Band on Spotify, score her some concert tickets. The goal is to be somewhat personal, but not "I got us a time-share in Gary?" serious.

**A few months to less than a year:** Now you can purchase that timeshare (just kidding). At this stage, you should know your partner decently and be able to match a gift or two with their personality, or better yet, an experience. If you're on the fence about whether the relationship is going to take a turn for the serious, experience gifts (like from How About We, Groupon, Living Social, Cloud 9 Living, etc.) can be an intimate yet low-pressure way to do something new and fun (doing new activities together helps facilitate bonding and love-feelings, science says). The date options can range from making your own macarons to couples' massages, tours, parasailing and so on.

This is also the time your gift will start to hold sway over your intentions and where the relationship is headed. So while your luvvah may love salted nuts, a \$20 Trader Joe's gift card might not send the message you want.

**Long-term, or more than a year:** By this stage, you shouldn't be worried about making or giving something personal. In fact, your gift should be capital-P Personal. This isn't to say you need to spend lavish amounts of money—quite the contrary. But your gift should reflect how well you know him or her; it should be at least a little romantic and of course it should come from the heart.

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# THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH

By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

Even though your friend has everything, you're somehow still obligated to get him or her a gift. So why not spring for something completely superfluous, totally indulgent or just plain ridiculous?

**Chocolate Library by Vosges**\$99 at [Vosges Haut Chocolat](http://VosgesHautChocolat.com) (520 N. Michigan Ave. 312-644-9450; 951 W. Armitage Ave. 773-296-9866) or online at [vosgeschocolate.com](http://vosgeschocolate.com)

A book or a box of chocolates alone doesn't make for a truly impressive gift. But what about a gigantic book that actually is a box packed with chocolate bars in wackadoo flavors such as crispy carrot and cherry rooibos?

**Hudson Valley Farmhouse mead-making kit**\$49.95 at [Williams-Sonoma](http://Williams-Sonoma.com) ([williams-sonoma.com](http://williams-sonoma.com))

Microbrewing beer? Been there. Making wine? Done that. Help your trend-setting friend get to the next level of at-home booze-making with this make-your-own-mead kit. Very Hogsmeade-chic, right?

**T-fal OptiGrill**\$179.99 at [Bed Bath and Beyond](http://BedBathandBeyond.com) ([bedbathandbeyond.com](http://bedbathandbeyond.com))

This indoor grill with a built-in sensor is so smart that it adapts to the thickness of your burger, fish or steak, then cooks it to the exact temperature of your choice, from bloody rare to dry-as-hell well-done. Sorry, George Foreman.

**Hand Butler**\$24.95 at [gentSupplyCo.com](http://GentSupplyCo.com)

For those times when you're feeling too important to hold things—a book, your keys, loose change—there's this handy contraption.

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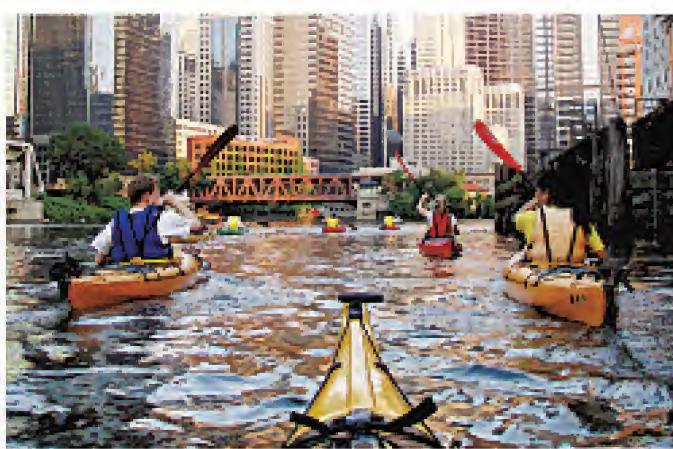


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By Courtney Griffin | REDEYE

It's always better to belong. Give someone the gift of membership to Chicago's best museums and entertainment this holiday season. From some of the city's most popular venues (Museum of Science and Industry) to the new kids on the block (Divvy), memberships are the gift that keeps on giving.

*Note: All rates are for 1-year individual memberships, unless otherwise specified*

#### Museum of Contemporary Art

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**Museum of Science and Industry**

5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, #90, [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org)

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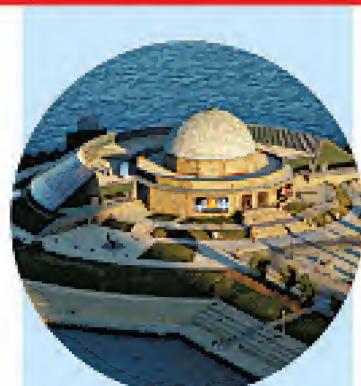
**Chicago Botanic Gardens**

1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenview, #85, [chicagobotanic.org](http://chicagobotanic.org)

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# music

By Andy Downing | FOR REDEYE

**W**hile December traditionally is a slower month for concerts, there still are a number of high-profile shows hitting Chicago arenas, including long-awaited stops from Kanye West, Drake and Beyoncé. In addition, music fans can check out club gigs from a slew of rising artists destined to land on year-end best-of lists, including Mikal Cronin, Disappears and Dessa.

## Midlake

*Dec. 5 at Schubas*  
Eric Pulido takes over frontman duties from departed singer Tim Smith on the Texas crew's latest, "Antiphon." The shake-up clearly served the jazz-folkies well, and they responded with their best set of tunes since "The Trials of Van Occupanther" surfaced in 2006.

## Chuck Inglish

*Dec. 5 at Reggie's Rock Club*

Hopefully the once (and future?) Cool Kids rapper will attempt to ward off the cold weather by performing songs off his forthcoming solo release "Convertibles," which has been pushed to early 2014.

## Polica

*Dec. 5 at Metro*  
The moody Minneapolis synth-pop crew supports its sophomore album, "Shulanith."

**Kanye West**  
*Dec. 17 and 18 at United Center*  
The controversy-courting rapper finally brings his arena tour to his hometown following a month-long delay after a 60-foot circular LED screen was damaged in an accident. Expect West to come out firing.

**MONTHLY CONCERT GUIDE**

# Big

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30 CAN'T-MISS CONCERTS TO CLOSE OUT 2013



### Cass McCombs Dec. 6 at Empty Bottle

The reclusive singer-songwriter generally avoids press, but he showed no such restraint on his latest effort, the sprawling, double-disc "Big Wheel and Others."

### Booker T. Jones Dec. 6 at Space

The legendary Booker T. & the MG's frontman, who appears here in his solo guise, traverses the worlds of R&B, jazz and funk in his piano-driven compositions.

### The WHOvers Dec. 6 at Lincoln Hall

Dual Chicago MCs J. Arthur and DotKom appear here in support of their new mixtape, "Ridin' Waves," a breezy effort buoyed by the tag-team pair's obvious chemistry.

### Trivium Dec. 8 at House of Blues

The Bay Area thrash-metal crew returned to form on "Vengeance Falls," a dark matter-heavy effort packed with gleaming, air guitar-worthy riffs.

### The Kills Dec. 9 at the Vic

Alison Mosshart might get more attention moonlighting with Jack White in the Dead Weather, but she's at her best paired with longtime musical foil Jamie Hince.

### Andrew Bird

Dec. 9-12 at Fourth Presbyterian Church

The local songsmith, whose airy, violin-fueled songs often flit about as effortlessly as his last name would suggest, takes up his annual winter residency at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

### Queens of the Stone Age

Dec. 11 at Allstate Arena

Not even death can stop Queens front-man Josh Homme. The singer references a 2010 near-death experience several times on the band's latest, which similarly doubles as a return to life for the once-floundering crew.

### King Krule

Dec. 11 at Lincoln Hall

The British punk-poet, who could pass for one of Ronald Weasley's kin, looks far younger than his 19 years. Even so, his debut, "6 Feet Beneath the Moon," sounds like the work of a far more seasoned artist, traversing the worlds of folk, jazz and pub-rock with practiced ease.

### Disappears

Dec. 12 at Empty Bottle

The local rockers might have parted ways with Sonic Youth drummer Steve Shelley before recording "Era," but songs like "Power" and "Ultra" are as tough and unshakeable as anything in the band's impressive catalog.

### Beyoncé Dec. 13 at United Center

The R&B superstar, like LeBron James, never seems to take a play off. Her concerts are precise and powerful, and she approaches every gig as though it might be her last.

### Drake

Dec. 12 at United Center

Drake has always wavered between ego-inflating boasts and soul-crushing despair. His latest, "Nothing Was the Same," doesn't stray from the template. One song he's claiming, "My life's a completed checklist," and the next he's professing a need to cut ties with the world before his inevitable breakdown.

### The Head and the Heart

Dec. 15 at Chicago Theatre

At times, the folk-leaning rockers are more head than heart, and the band's songs can be as delicate and rarefied as vintage lace.

### Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires

Dec. 6 at Metro

The veteran soul man has overcome incredible hardship and emerged with head held high. His latest, "Victim of Love," is his most optimistic set of tunes yet, setting aside past hurt and finding a fresh way forward.

### Grouper

Dec. 13 at Constellation

Liz Harris, who records and performs as Grouper, approaches her art-rock tunes like a kindergartner constructing a collage, piecing together snippets of sound into oddly compelling soundscapes.

### Breeders

Dec. 14 at Metro

The '90s alt-rockers reunited for All Tomorrow's Parties earlier this year and followed with a tour and lavish reissue to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their breakthrough album "Last Splash."

### Mark Kozelek

Dec. 19 at Lincoln Hall

No matter what guise the Sun Kil Moon/Red House

Painters front-man appears in, he sounds wholly like himself, marrying autobiographical lyrics to a range of hushed backdrops that suggest they were recorded in the wee hours of the morning.

### Mikal Cronin

Dec. 12 at Logan Square Auditorium

The San Francisco rocker delivered one of the year's best albums in "MCII," a joyous collection of garage rock riffage and early-20s angst.

### Melanie Martinez

Dec. 22 at Schubas

The onetime "Voice" contestant is best known for her covers of songs by bands like the White Stripes.

### The Hush Sound

Dec. 26 at Lincoln Hall

After an almost five-year hiatus, the Chicago/L.A. pop-rock crew returned to action with the "Forty Five" EP this past spring.

### Roky Erickson

Dec. 30 and 31 at Beat Kitchen

The psych-rock pioneer might never fully regain all of his facilities after a lifetime spent battling mental illness, but his voice has lost none of its power, and he's still capable of unleashing a knee-shaking wolverine howl.

### Flosstradamus

Dec. 30 and 31 at Riviera Theatre

The local DJ duo rings in the New Year with easily its biggest set of shows to date.

### Dessa

Dec. 31 at Schubas

The Minneapolis singer/rapper explores the various ways human beings connect and drift apart on her latest album, "Parts of Speech."

### Pickwick

Dec. 31 at Lincoln Hall

While most bands have followed in the footsteps of Mumford & Sons and the like in recent years, ditching electric guitars in favor of acoustic instruments, this former folk crew did the opposite, plugging in and cranking the volume.

### Alejandro Escovedo & the Sensitive Boys

Dec. 31 at Space

"I can take a punch/I can take a swing," the Texas-based musician sang on "Man of the World." He does both in his songs, veering from bruised ballads to aggressive rockers.

### Jimmy Eat World and Smoking Popes

Dec. 31 at House of Blues

Both pop-punk acts specialize in huge, sing-along choruses, and both still tap into the uncertainty and angst of those teenage and early-20s years. Though they're now fully grown with families of their own.

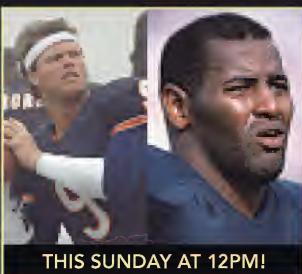
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Dec. 31 at Metro

The revivalist-soul crew plays here in support of its latest album, "Electric Slave."

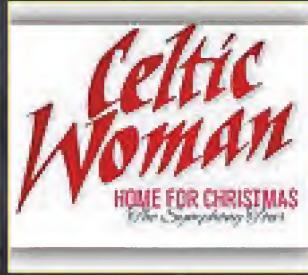
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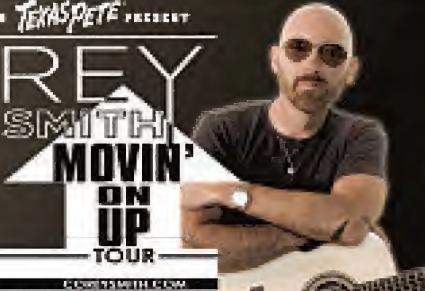
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## FAST PAIS

**Matt Pais**

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On "How I Met Your Mother," Ted (Josh Radnor) meeting a woman with a yellow umbrella—his future wife—is a happy occasion, and Marshall's (Jason Segel) citywide search for memorable flavor leads to satisfaction (and a delicious burger).

In director Spike Lee's misguided remake of the 2003 South Korean thriller "Oldboy," similar events hardly count as upbeat. The morning after Joe's (Josh Brolin) drunken acknowledgment of a woman under an umbrella, he awakens naked in a motel room. This wouldn't be so bad if it didn't become his prison for the next 20 years, as a mysterious operation holds him captive and feeds him the same lousy dumplings each night. Seeing on TV that he's been framed for his ex-wife's murder and his 3-year-old daughter has been adopted, Joe swears vengeance on his captors and to clean himself up and become a better dad.

All this and more on the next episode of "How I Didn't Kill Your Mother."

Park Chan-wook's original film required considerable suspension of disbelief (and tolerance for teeth being yanked out) to buy into its tragic, long-term story. Written by Illinois native Mark Protosevich ("I Am Legend"), Lee's "Oldboy" becomes almost comically elaborate—and too much to accept. It gives away nothing to say that previously logical actions and punishments have become confused and minimized, depleting the force of this story of heartbreak and atonement.

Plus, Lee is simply doing things here that aren't his specialty. As Joe takes on a horde of attackers, Van Damme-style, the dudes on the fringes look hilariously unmenacing. Likewise,



Oldboy  
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when Joe meets his captor and is told he has a certain amount of time to answer questions if he wants to save his daughter, the movie doesn't adopt the required urgency. This time, the mystery unfolds too clearly and without the monumental weight needed to sustain such hefty jumps in logic.

It's still pretty funny to see Joe return to society in 2013 like "Encino Man" and ask, "Where are all the pay phones?" Brolin, whose character never becomes the damaged prisoner or once-irresponsible shyster seeking redemption that "Oldboy" requires, is bested by the ever-reliable Elizabeth Olsen as a woman who takes an interest in Joe's situation. Let's get cracking on a movie where she's the one kicking ass and taking names.

Oh. They are. It's "Avengers 2."

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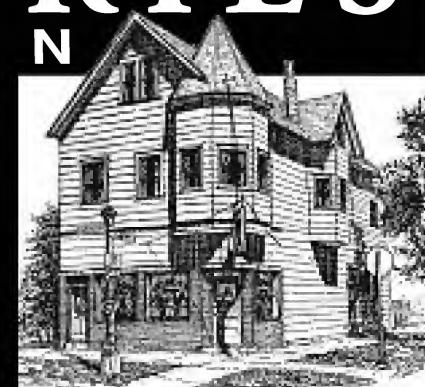
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Is "Philomena" a good movie or a very good movie? Tough call. Let's say somewhere in between.

It's worth praising how the dramedy doesn't appear to falsely exaggerate the true events it's inspired by. As Martin (co-writer Steve Coogan) gets back into journalism to help Philomena (Judi Dench) track down the son whom "evil nuns" (Martin's description, not hers) forced her to give up 50 years earlier, the film resists suggesting that the journey represented more to Martin than it actually did. This primarily is Philomena's story, and it's a natural crowd-pleaser.

Coogan ("The Other Guys," "Hamlet 2") is hilarious as always, but Martin's dry sense of humor never comes off as irritating comic relief. He's an atheist horrified by the church's treatment of his subject and is frustrated that she's not angrier. Philomena, on the other hand, wants to know anything she can about



**Philomena**  
PG-13

the boy whose conception resulted from a young girl knowing nothing about reproduction.

Suffice to say it's easy to side with Martin's shock about Philomena's treatment.

The film flirts with breeziness and cuteness, and it would be nice to learn a little more about Martin. Still, Coogan and Dench make a fantastic team, believable in their sweet moments together without having to become best pals. She's always watching the movie of her memory. This is a story full of heart about the weight of anger, the relief of clarity and the world sometimes just not being especially good.

Director Stephen Frears ("The Queen") avoids highlighting ironies in blunt, capital letters but also could have gone deeper. The searchers learn that Philomena's son is affiliated with a political party that ultimately did him harm. An elderly nun preaches the sanc-



Judi Dench (left) and Steve Coogan in 'Philomena'

tity of chastity without seeming to recognize that she wouldn't be around if her parents had felt the same. The film establishes different paths—could Philomena's son be a CEO or homeless? Will this story have a happy or a sad ending?—and allows for varied viewpoints.

It also knows how tough it can be to see the other side.

The question about believing in God never seemed to allow for a short answer, Martin tells Philomena. Does she believe? Her answer couldn't be any shorter: "Yes."

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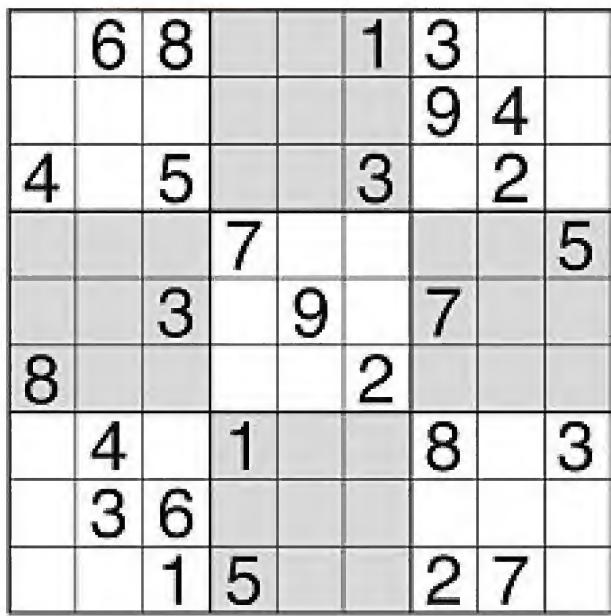
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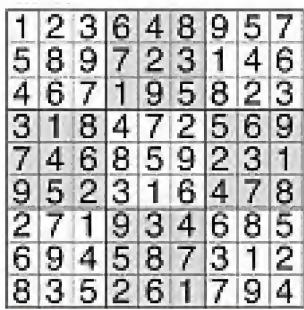
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1910: New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.

1978: San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

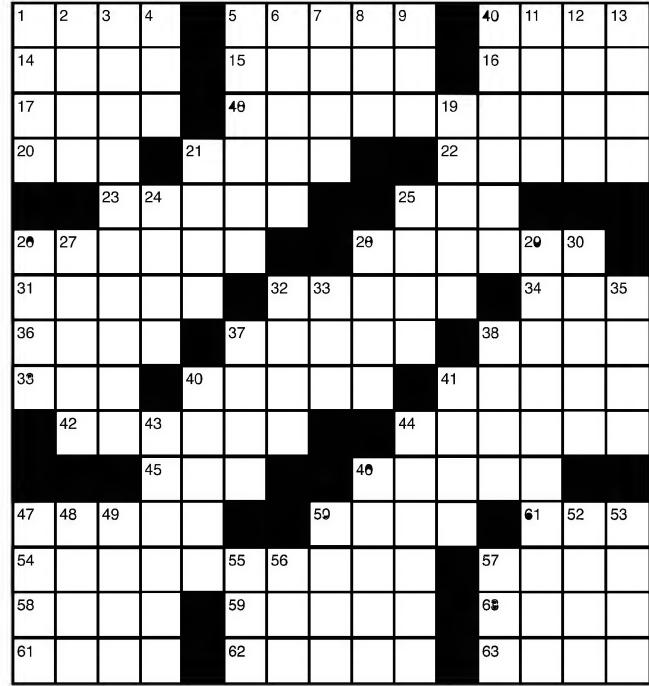
2005: Doctors in France performed the world's first partial face transplant on a woman disfigured by a dog bite; Isabelle Dinoire received the lips, nose and chin of a brain-dead woman in a 15-hour operation.

## ACROSS

1 Prepare to be photographed  
5 Of the kidneys  
10 Take apart  
14 Kiln, for one  
15 Banishment  
16 Lowly laborer  
17 Autry or Wilder  
18 Thin transparent wrapping sheet  
20 Conjunctions  
21 Give a job to  
22 Exasperates  
23 Skilled  
29 Actor Brynner  
26 Contemptuous writing  
28 Illuminated by daylight  
31 Wonderland visitor  
32 Nation in South America  
34 Capture  
36 Chess piece  
37 Baton \_LA  
38 5,280 feet  
39 Hostel  
40 Glee  
41 Engine  
42 Manor and its surroundings  
44 Crying like a cat  
45 Have regrets  
46 Light wood used for rafts  
47 Kareem \_Jabbar  
50 Tie up  
51 Afternoon hour  
54 Comforting with words of hope  
57 Like an even score  
58 Isn't able to  
59 Scorch  
60 Up; rob at gunpoint  
61 Colors  
62 Lawn trimmer  
63 Conclusions

## DOWN

1 Comic strip possum  
2 Finished; done  
3 Marvels; those who cause a hullabaloo  
4 180° from WSW  
5 Cook's guide  
6 Put forth effort  
7 Egypt's river  
8 Everybody  
9 Zodiac sign



10 \_battle; difficult struggle  
11 Actress Patricia  
12 Well \_steak orderer's option  
13 Dollar bills  
19 Dried plum  
21 In this place  
24 VP Cheney  
25 Christmastime  
26 Robe of India  
27 By oneself  
28 Exhale audibly  
29 Ceremony for a new club  
30 Eagle's claw  
32 Apple's center  
33 Shack  
35 Titanic's bane  
37 Ceremony  
38 Cuts the lawn  
40 Thrashes; hurts  
41 Blend together  
43 Relies on  
44 "Away in a \_"; Christmas  
carol  
46 Pig out  
47 Part of the foot  
48 Boyfriend  
49 Copenhagen  
50 Singer Crosby  
52 Unite with heat  
53 Chances  
55 Do drugs  
56 Of; free from  
57 Definite article

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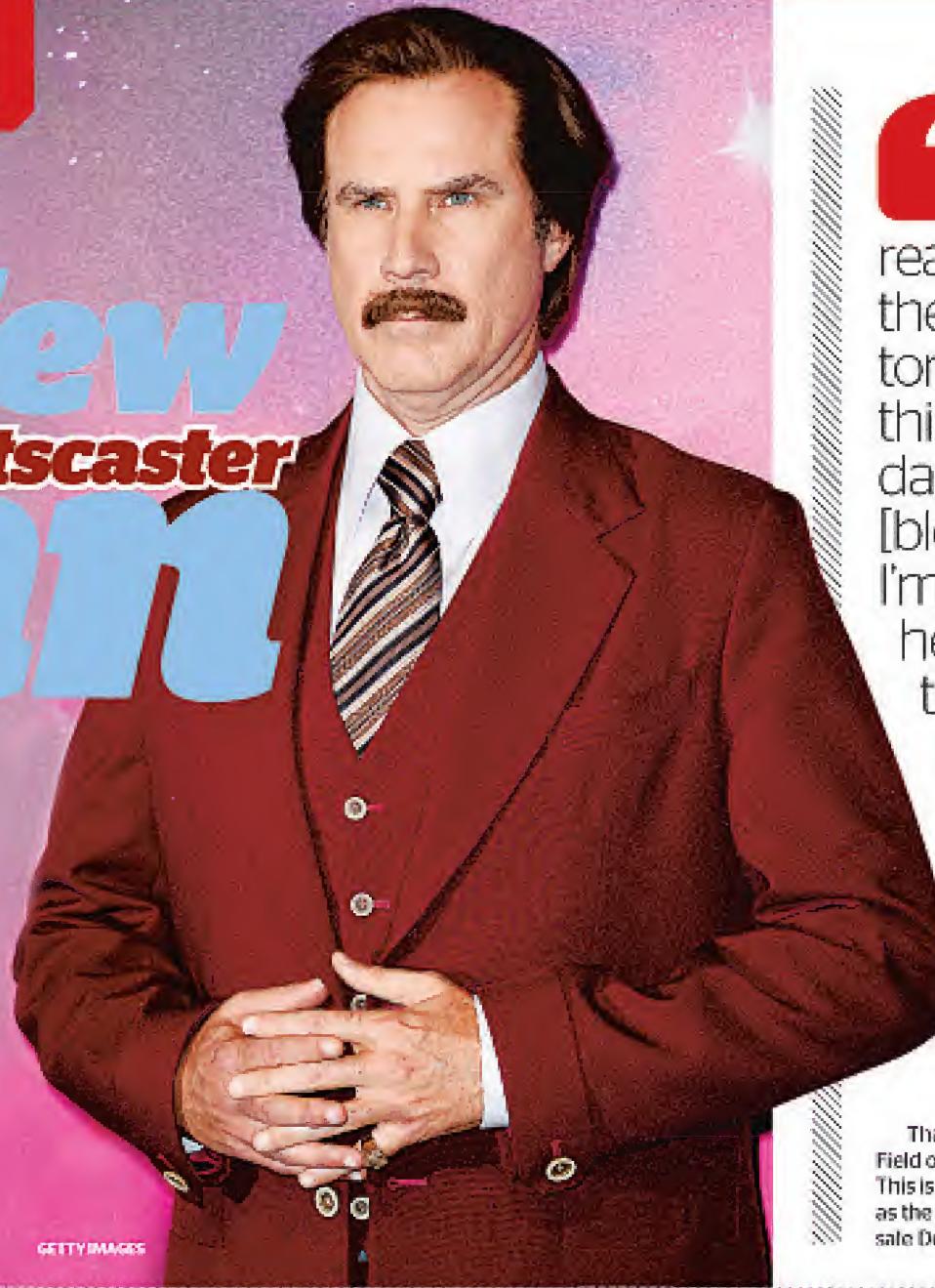
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## The New Sportscaster Man

Ron Burgundy is stepping out from behind the news anchor's desk and going ... behind the "SportsCenter" desk. On Dec. 5, Will Ferrell's verging-on-overexposed "Anchorman 2" character will become an ESPN host for the day, following a stint on TSN's coverage of the Canadian Curling Association on Sunday. [avclub.com](http://avclub.com) reports. At least the mustache will serve him well in Canada.

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## THE QUOTE

“So I was reading all of these things on torture and thinking all this dark, deep, intense [bleep] ... while I'm wearing high heels, hugging these 15-year-old girls.”

—Jena Malone, to Vulture, on preparing for her role in the "Mockingjay" movies based on the third "Hunger Games" book. Some not-good stuff happens to her, as you may have guessed.

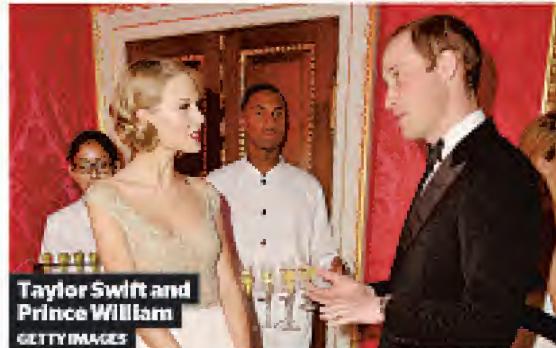
### HOT DATE AUG. 29

That's when One Direction hits up Soldier Field on the North American leg of their tour. This is not, shockingly, the same weekend as the Spring Awakening fest. Tickets go on sale Dec. 7.

## THE DIGIT

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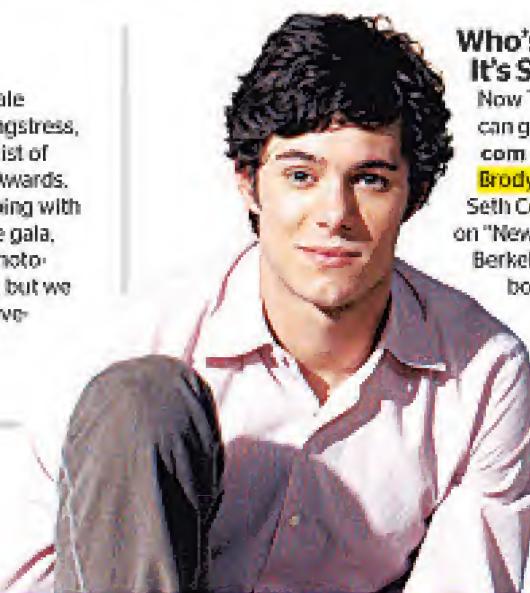
That's the length of the deluxe edition of Britney Spears' new album, "Britney Jean." Brit-Brit's eighth full-length album is currently available for streaming on iTunes, and officially drops Tuesday.



Taylor Swift and Prince William  
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**Princess Taylor of Pennsylvania?**

Finally, all of Taylor Swift's fairy-tale dreams are coming true. The songstress, who on Sunday was crowned artist of the year at the American Music Awards, spent Tuesday evening hobnobbing with the royals at a Kensington Palace gala, [eonline.com](http://eonline.com) reports. She was photographed meeting Prince William, but we suspect her real motives of the evening involved sinking her hooks into his younger brother, Harry.

**Who's that guy? It's Seth!**

Now THIS is a couple we can get behind. THR.com reports that Adam Brody, aka "The O.C.'s" Seth Cohen, will guest-star on "New Girl." He's playing Berkeley, one of Jess' ex-boyfriends, whom we can only imagine is named after Sandy Cohen's alma mater, UC Berkeley. Not that we knew this off the top of our heads or anything ...

## THE DIGIT

**7** That's how many Independent Spirit Awards nominations went to "12 Years a Slave," leading the pack, [thr.com](http://thr.com) reports. "Nebraska" netted six noms. The trophies will be handed out March 1 in Santa Monica, Calif., with Patton Oswalt hosting.

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